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1. AT THE END OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS JANUARY 5-18, PRIME MINISTER JALLUD READ A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY. A FEW DELEGATES TRIED TO OBJECT TO WHAT WAS BEING DECIDED IN THEIR NAME (NOTABLY ONE OF THE TWO WOMEN PRESENT) BUT JALLUD TOLD THEM PEREMPTORILY THAT THE DEBATES WERE OVER. THE RECOMMENDATIONS (OR MORE ACCURATELY THE DECISIONS) CONTAIN A FEW POINTS OF INTEREST.

2. MOST IMPORTANT, THE CONGRESS DECIDED "TO COVER THE MANPOWER SHORTAGE IN THE ARMED FORCES FROM ALL ABLE-BODIED PERSONS, WITH PRIORITY TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES". WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN CLOSED SESSION THERE WAS LONG DISCUSSION OF THIS POINT, THAT QADHAFI TOLD THE DELEGATES THE ARMY BADLY NEEDED NEW RECRUITS TO RUN THE NEW WEAPONS HE WOULD BUY OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND THAT HE INTENDED TO GET THEM BY ANY MEANS.

HE IS SAID TO HAVE MENTIONED THE FIGURE OF 25,000.
THE NEW RECRUITS ARE TO COME FROM THE RANKS OF GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED SOME MILITARY TRAINING.
THIS IS BOUND TO BE A VERY CONTROVERSIAL BUSINESS, AND
QADHAFI COULD RUN INTO OPPOSITION, AS HE DID LAST YEAR WITH
HIS PROGRAM OF COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING. RETIRED
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ARE TO BE CALLED BACK TO SERVICE
TO REPLACE THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN PRESSED INTO THE ARMY.

3. THE CONGRESS ALSO RECOMMENDS THE "NATIONALIZATION
OF FOREIGN TRADE", WITHOUT QUALIFICATION.
THIS WAS THE FOCUS OF SOME DISCUSSION DURING THE DEBATES,
WITH QADHAFI AND JALLUD ARGUING THAT THE STATE MUST CONTROL
ALL FOREIGN COMMERCE, INCLUDING THAT 20 PERCENT WHICH IS STILL
IN PRIVATE HANDS. (IMPORTS IN 1975 WILL BE OVER ONE BILLION
LIBYAN POUNDS, JALLUD SAID, OR 3.4 BILLION DOLLARS.)
THE MINISTER OF ECONOMY TRIED TO POINT OUT CAREFULLY
THAT THE STATE SIMPLY DID NOT HAVE THE MANPOWER TO
CARRY OUT ALL IMPORTING, AND HE WAS SUPPORTED IN THIS
BY ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF ABU BAKR YUNIS, IN THE ONLY
CONTRIBUTION YUNIS MADE TO THE DEBATES. YUNIS TOLD
QADHAFI BLUNTLY THAT "IF WE TRY TO IMPLEMENT THIS WE
WILL TAKE GREAT LOSSES", OBVIOUSLY REFERRING TO THE
POLITICAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED. THERE IS SIMPLY NO WAY
QADHAFI AND COMPANY CAN TAKE OVER ALL FOREIGN COMMERCE
WITHOUT RUNNING INTO VERY SEVERE OPPOSITION FROM THE
COMMERCIAL ELITE, BUT THE
INTENTION HAS NOW BEEN OPENLY STATED, AND THERE WILL
PROBABLY BE SOME ATTEMPTS TO FOLLOW IT UP.

4. IN FOREIGN POLICY, THE CONGRESS MAKES TWO NOTABLE
STATEMENTS. IT "HAILS SYRIA IN ITS DETERMINATION
IN THE FACE OF CAPITULATIONIST ATTEMPTS INSIDE AND
OUTSIDE THE ARAB HOMELAND". THIS IS A REFERENCE, OF
COURSE, TO SYRIAN OPPOSITION TO SINAI II. THE CONGRESS
ALSO "EXPRESSES ITS SATISFACTION AT THE CONTINUED
DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE GROUP OF
SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, AND RECOMMENDS IT BE STRENGTHENED
SO AS TO SERVE THE CAUSE OF ARAB FRIENDSHIP WITH THESE
COUNTRIES AND TO ACHIEVE ARAB NATIONAL OBJECTIVES".
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5. FINALLY, THE CONGRESS RECOMMENDS THE STRENGTHENING
OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING. MUHAYSHI WAS THE LAST
PLANNING MINISTER, AND THIS MAY BE AN INDICATION QADHAFI
IS LOOKING AROUND FOR A REPLACEMENT.
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